

FY 2005 Homeland Security Grant Points Of Interest

- The number of equipment categories has been expanded from 18 to 21.
- Under the SHSP funding allocation, entities are allowed to request funding for CERT and Citizen Corps related expenses (In addition to the grant funding allocated specifically to the Citizen Corps program).
- Under both SHSP and LETPP funding, the leasing of storage space is now an eligible expense. The storage space must be for the housing of equipment purchased with Homeland Security Grant funding and supplanting cannot occur. There is still no provision for the construction of a storage facility or any other buildings.
- Volunteer first responders are now eligible to receive a stipend for time they spend attending training and exercises. The stipend, as defined by the Grant Advisory Board, can be up to \$12.50 per hour and is limited to a maximum of \$100 per day. Each region may determine their respective rate (not to exceed the \$12.50 and \$100 parameters). A separate line item must be requested for volunteer training stipend reimbursements.
- As a reminder, any agency that expends more than \$500,000 in federal funding, during a given fiscal year, (combining all federal sources) is required to meet the audit requirements outlined in Circular A-133 (Attached).
- Prior to expending any grant funding on planning and training related activities, you must complete a "Planning and Training Approval Form". ODP is monitoring more closely the types of planning and training activities being conducted at the state and local levels. Regions may request funding for planning and training in their budget, but will not receive reimbursement until each request is approved by the state Division of Emergency Services and Homeland Security (DES) and by the federal Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP). Training must correspond with ODP's catalog of eligible courses (Refer to Appendix E and Appendix F of the federal guidance document). Approval request forms will be sent out with the regional award documents (Approximately April 1, 2005).
- Any entity requesting funding to host or participate in a WMD exercise must coordinate with the DES exercise section. Please contact Gary Vetterli at (801) 538-1021. Please refer to the following guidelines for exercises:

Before the exercise, please provide the following:

- Notify the State DES exercise section and let them know an exercise will be taking place.
- Provide an estimate of how much the exercise will cost.
- Provide documentation of the exercise plan or the exercise itself in the case of a tabletop or functional exercise.

After the exercise please provide the following:

- After Action report meeting the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program requirements.
- An Improvement Plan.
- Documented costs from the exercise.